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### BEAVERTON'S HUMAN RIGHTS ADVISORY COMMISSION ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF 2012 HUMAN RIGHTS AWARDS

**BEAVERTON, Ore.** – Mayor Denny Doyle and the Beaverton Human Rights Advisory Commission (HRAC) will present the three winners of the 2012 Human Rights Awards during the Beaverton City Council meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 15 at 6:30 p.m. This year's winners are Reverend Marcella Peg Pfab, the Assistance League and Beaverton's Fred Meyer store.

"I'm proud of our community's ethics and desire to be inclusive and fair to all," said Mayor Doyle. "Our community has wonderful volunteers and human rights enthusiasts; they help make Beaverton vibrant."

The awards for outstanding contributions to human rights are given to an individual, business and nonprofit organization.

This year's individual winner, Reverend Pfab, serves as Pastor of the Southminster Presbyterian Church. Through her leadership, she has worked to bring together individuals from varying backgrounds to work on different community projects. She has donated church space for community activities that bring unity to our diverse community.

Beaverton's 2012 nonprofit winner, Assistance League (AL), is dedicated to working with those in need, with a special emphasis on children. In 2012, AL helped homeless students get an education through the Beaverton School District and provided assistance and clothing to hundreds of students.

Fred Meyer (11425 SW Beaverton Hillsdale Highway), the 2012 business winner, was recognized for its emphasis on hiring a diverse workforce as well as for their efforts to support nonprofit groups, area food banks and those in need.

Prior to the City Council meeting, the city will host a public reception for this year's winners in the main conference room at 6 p.m.

For more information, please contact Rob Solomon at 503-644-9696.

HRAC's mission is to safeguard the rights of all citizens and promote mutual understanding. HRAC helps citizens and government in the city of Beaverton to embrace and celebrate

diversity, eliminate bigotry and enhance a sense of community. HRAC continues to be involved in a number of programs that promote basic human rights in the community. The two largest of these are the annual Human Rights Award and Creative Expression Contest.

Beaverton enjoys one of the most diverse populations among Oregon cities. It was one of just four cities of its size recently recognized as a **"Smarter City" energy leader by the Natural Resources Defense Council** and **one of the 100 Best Places to Live in America** by *Money* magazine. In addition, Beaverton has been named **one of the safest cities in the Pacific Northwest** for three consecutive years, as one of the **best places to raise kids** by *BusinessWeek* magazine, an **All-America City finalist**, as **one of the top 25 Suburbs for Retirement** by *Forbes.com*, **one of the 100 Best Walking Cities in America** by *Prevention* magazine, the **Recycler of the Year** from the Association of Oregon Recyclers, a **Tree City USA** by the Arbor Day Foundation, a **Bronze Award Bicycle Friendly Community** designation by the League of American Bicyclists and as one of the Environmental Protection Agency's **Green Power Communities**. Most recently, the Beaverton Community Vision program was named **Public Involvement Project of the Year—Best Planning Project** by the International Association of Public Participation (IAP2) Cascade Chapter. For more information, please visit [www.beavertonoregon.gov](http://www.beavertonoregon.gov).

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